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PRESS RELEASE

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Level 2 Sex Offender Notification Ernest Valles Rios

New Address: 12444 South Linda Avenue – Yuma, AZ 85367

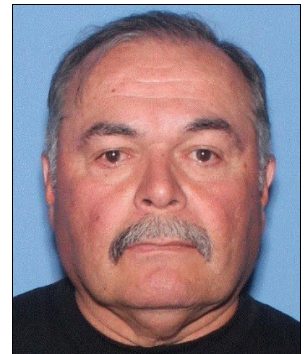
The Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) is releasing the following information pursuant to A.R.S. 13-3825, the Community Notification on Sex Offenders Law. The offender in this publication is living within Yuma County. It is the responsibility of the Chief Law Enforcement Office having jurisdiction where the offender resides to make notification to the community. Notification must be made when certain sex offenders are released from the Arizona State Prison, accepted under an interstate compact or released from the county jail back into the community. Offenders are categorized into three levels: Level One (low risk to the community), Level Two (intermediate risk to the community), and Level Three (high risk to the community).

The individual who appears on this notification, **Ernest Valles Rios**, 64, has been convicted of a sex offense that allows for community notification. Ernest V. Rios has advised the YCSO that he is residing at 12444 South Linda Avenue in Yuma, Arizona. He is described as 5 feet, 10 inches tall, 245 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He is not wanted by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at this time.

On January 21, 2000, Rios pled guilty to one count of Rape Spouse by Force/Fear/Etc., and one count of Lewd or Lascivious Acts with a Child Under 14 with Force in the Riverside Superior Court in Hemet, California. He was sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment with the California Department of Corrections. His victims were a female adult and a female juvenile known to him.

Ernest Rios is considered a Level 2 sex offender with an intermediate risk to reoffend.

This notification is not intended to increase fear; rather, it is our belief that an informed community is a safer community. The YCSO has no legal authority to direct where a sex offender may or may not live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, this offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he/she chooses. Citizen abuses of this information to threaten, intimidate, or harass sex offenders will not be tolerated. Sex Offenders have always lived in our communities; but because of Megan's law, law enforcement is now able to share this information with you.



Ernest V. Rios

Height: 5'10
Weight: 245 lbs
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown

The YCSO would like to remind the public of the registered sex offender and community notification program OffenderWatch. To register for free email alerts or search for sex offenders in your area, please visit the YCSO [OffenderWatch](#) page.

If you have information regarding current criminal activity on this or any other offender, please call the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at (928) 783-4427.

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